

Health Information Technology Commission
Meeting Information

Date: Thursday, October 11, 2007
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: MDCH Conference Rooms B & C
1st Floor, Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48913

Commissioner Attendance:

Robin Cole	Mark Notman, Ph.D.	Jeanne Strickland
Gregory Forzley, M.D.	Janet Olszewski	Kenneth Theis rep. Teri Takai (absent)
Joseph Hohner	Robert Paul	Larry Wagenknecht, R.Ph. (absent)
Thomas Lauzon	Kimberly Ross	
Toshiki Masaki	Taylor Scott, D.O.	

Staff:

Ed Dore – MDCH
Paul Harmon rep. George Boersma - MDIT

Guests:

John Hazewinkel – MSU	David McLaury – D&L Group
Denise Holmes – MSU	Kimberly Brosky - Altarum
Margaret Neterer – MHIMA	Valerie Glesnes-Anderson – Capital Area Health Alliance
Tim Pletcher – CMU	Helen Hill – Henry Ford Health System/SEMHIE
Linda McCardel - MPH	

Agenda:

A. Welcome

- The Commission Chair provided a welcome to the Commissioners and guests. It was announced that Beth Nagel will return to her position on October 22 and all agreed she has been very much missed.

B. Commissioners Updates and Comments:

- Janet Olszewski provided an update on the FY 08 budget status.
- Dr. Taylor Scott announced he had attended the MiHIN Grant Recipients Regional Meeting on September 21 at the MSU Henry Center and that it was very informative.

C. Approval of September 13, 2007 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from the previous meeting were approved unanimously without discussion.
- Minutes will be put on the Commission's website.

D. National Perspective on HIE

- Denise Holmes – Acting Director of the MiHIN Resource Center - provided a presentation on national health information exchange activity in preparation for the Commissioners' discussion on the scope of the future work of the HIT Commission.
 - Overview of the HIT Transition Group's 2007 survey of RHIOs

- HHS award of \$22.5M to 9 health information exchanges for a trial implementation of a nationwide health information network
- Profile of four successful RHIO's: Indiana Health Information Exchange, Healthbridge, Grand Junction CO, and Mid South.

Denise pointed out that all four successful RHIOs were non profit, and all shared a key functionality of clinical messaging – test results, etc. come direct to the doctor's email box. They also have the capability to look up service information on their patients provided by other health professionals. The presentation will be posted on the Commission's website.

In Denise's exchanges with other HIEs across the country, she consistently heard that Michigan is "doing it right" meaning the state is allowing regional growth and the state is providing support and removing barriers. Valerie Glesnes-Anderson of the Capitol Area RHIO confirmed she has heard the same thing.

E. Report on Michigan Regional Activities

Denise Holmes provided a brief overview of the regions in the state that received funding from DCH for HIE. Five planning grants and two implementation grants were awarded.

F. Review of HIT Commission Legislation

- Ed Dore, Chief Deputy Director of DCH, indicated that the first requirement of the Commission had been completed. The *MIHIN Conduit to Care Report* published in December 2006, is the strategic plan, or roadmap, guiding health information exchange throughout Michigan. How to complete the remaining requirements in the legislation (Public Act 137 of 2006) will evolve from today's discussion of the Commission's scope for the next year.

G. Discussion of HIT Commission Scope

- Timothy Pletcher, Director of Applied Research at Central Michigan University and Project Director of the Michigan Health Information Alliance, facilitated a brainstorming session to identify critical issues the Commission should address. The session resulted in preliminary prioritization of a number of key areas that the Commission will focus on.
- The session resulted in establishing three main groupings of issues:
 - those the Commission will work on immediately,
 - those that others will research now, and
 - those that will have future focus.
- It became apparent that the work is like building a house – a foundation is required before the roof will fit into place.
- The two main areas for the Commission to begin work on will be:
 - establishing the business case and value proposition for adoption of HIE, and
 - identifying the important basic functionality for HIEs (the important use cases) that will meet Michigan's needs.
- Research is currently underway or will commence on:
 - Best practices
 - **Tracking other** efforts, external and internal to Michigan
 - Laws and regulations
 - Education and outreach
 - Set and identify standards
 - **Standardized approaches** to HIE (toolkits)
 - Technology roadmap

- Future focus will include:
 - Innovation opportunities
 - EMR Roadmap
 - Funding
 - Quality
 - Drive adoption

As the Commission progresses on the work, the issues will become more transparent and better defined.

H. Public Comments

- There were no public comments.